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Letter dated 4 October 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that the current mandate of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Liberia (UNOL) comes to an end on 31 December 2002.

As you know, Liberia is going through a difficult political, security and humanitarian crisis and the situation in that country continues to pose a threat to peace and stability in the Mano River Union subregion. Despite its limited mandate and capacity, UNOL continues to contribute to national efforts at reconciliation, while at the same time monitoring developments and assisting in the promotion of respect for human rights and the rule of law.

UNOL has kept me and the Security Council informed of the evolving situation in the country and has continued to provide a useful link between Liberia and the international community, especially since sanctions were imposed.

In view of the foregoing and following consultations with the Government of Liberia, I recommend that the mandate of UNOL be extended by one additional year, to 31 December 2003.

Should the ongoing discussions in the Council and elsewhere result in a different engagement with Liberia, I shall revert to the Council with a revised mandate for UNOL.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**

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